

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE II

FUNCTION OF THE JOB

Under supervision to assist in the assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of public health nursing services.

CHARACTERISTIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Identifies present and potential health needs and resources related to the total health of individuals, families, and the community.
2. Observes, evaluates and makes a comprehensive assessment of the clients' physical and emotional condition.
3. Assesses community physical and mental health needs and identifies resources to remediate those needs.
4. Evaluates the adequacy of public health nursing services in relation to community needs and the department programs.
5. Plans for and provides individual treatment/care plans to serve individuals and families.
6. Interprets Health & Human Services programs and other County services to clients, families, and community organizations.
7. Teaches and supervises the family in giving health care to clients.
8. Provides information to management for the development and operation of public health programs.
9. Participates in epidemiological investigations.
10. Participates in surveys, studies, surveillance, and data collection on various public health issues.
11. Performs data entry and look up, data searches, reporting, and other functions using various computer systems.
12. Participates as assigned in County disaster plans.
13. Assist with the orientation and guidance of new staff.
14. Coordinates activities of paraprofessional nursing personnel.
15. Keeps accurate comprehensive records and makes comprehensive reports.
16. Establishes and maintains effective working relations with the recipients of services, other employees, and the general public.
17. Performs other duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

Essential Knowledge and Abilities

1. Comprehensive knowledge of the principles and practices of nursing, including public health nursing, and core functions of public health.
2. Considerable knowledge of preventive health care, including the prevention and control of communicable diseases.
3. Considerable knowledge of the laws regulating the confidentiality of client information.
4. Some knowledge of the use of computers and computer keyboards.

QUALIFICATIONS (CONT.)

5. Ability to make a comprehensive assessment of the health status of clients and families.
6. Ability to practice public health nursing effectively.
7. Ability to explain and interpret laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to public health nursing.
8. Ability to detect and identify symptoms of communicable diseases.
9. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with the recipients of services, other employees, and the general public.
10. Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.
11. Ability to keep accurate and comprehensive records and make reports.

Training and Experience

1. Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's of science degree in nursing.
2. Current Wisconsin licensure as a registered professional nurse.